

Citations:

Give credit to the author.

You are borrowing the idea.

Readers like to see many citations. This gives them confidence that you are an expert.

Example of book citation in the text of your paper:

Everything is
Times New
Roman font;
size 12.

Example:

The earliest settlers in North America were influenced by natural resources and climate (Davidson and Stoff 14).

←----- Notice location of
period after the
citation.

You must provide the following:

Last name of author and the page number.

Nothing else. No “p.” No “pg.” No “,”.

[This book just happens to have two authors.]

Always
put
citation
at *end* of
the
sentence.

Example entry for a book in Works Cited section:

Author's Name: Davidson, James W. and Michael B.

Stoff

Title: America: History of Our Nation

Place of Publication: Englewood Cliffs

Publisher: Pearson Prentice Hall

Date of Publication: 2009

Medium: Print.

Last name,
then first
name. If
multiple
authors, then
use first and
last for
subsequent
author.

Information on book has SIX elements.

Put Works
Cited entries in
single space
format.

Example of Web citation in the text of your paper:

Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation in January, 1863 (“Emancipation Proclamation”).

You must provide the following: Last name of author (if available). If author not available then article title in quotation marks.

Web articles often lack the name of the author. Try to find an author. Use title only if you must.

Never put domain name in the citation.

Example entry for a Web citation in Works Cited:

Author's Name: Not Available
Title: "Emancipation Proclamation"
Domain Name: www.archives.gov
Organization: National Archives and Records Administration
Date of Publication: Not Available
Medium: Web
Date cited: January 18, 2014
URL: http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/featured_documents/emancipation_proclamation/

Article title in quotation marks.

Works Cited entered single space.

Date *you* cited the web site.

Recommended.

Information on Web site has EIGHT elements.

WORKS CITED

Author's Name: Davidson, James W. and Michael B. Stoff

Title: America: History of Our Nation.

Place of Publication: New Jersey

Publisher: Pearson Prentice Hall

Date of Publication: 2009.

Medium: Print.

Author's Name: Not Available

Title: "Emancipation Proclamation"

Domain Name: www.archives.gov

Organization: National Archives and Records Administration

Date of Publication: Not Available

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Date cited: January 18, 2014

Medium: Web

URL: http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/featured_documents/emancipation_proclamation/

List all entries alphabetically in the Works Cited section.

"Davidson and Stoff" is listed before "Emancipation Proclamation" because the letter "d" comes before the letter "e" in the alphabet. Ask yourself, "How would the reader find the citation information in the Works Cited section if there were one hundred citations?"

If you list a work here, you *must* cite it in the text of your paper.

Ignore
the
word
"The."

Follow these tips:

- Use web sites that *you* trust. Use web sites that *your reader* will respect.
- If you quote a work directly, put the quoted words in quotation marks and use proper punctuation. For example:

In “The American Crisis,” Paine wrote, “These are the times that try men’s souls” (“American Crisis”).

- See the “Guidelines” document on the history wikispace.

If you would like to see in-depth information regarding MLA format, visit:

<https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/01/>